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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Zheng, et al.

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For: Method of Application of
Electrical Biasing To
Enhance Metal Deposition§
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Group Art Unit: 1753

Examiner: Brian L. Mutschler

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 20, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 20, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ AMAT/4471.Y1/AOP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.